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IS THIS THE TIME?

In Ecclesiastes we read, "To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven." The first 8 verses of the third chapter go on to tell us what we have time for. Is is your time to work, to play, to mourn, to pray, or to do the thousands of things that life requires?

What time is it for each of us? Are we in the morning of life, or at midday? Or is our life's hour fast approaching midnight and the tolling of the bell? As a matter of fact, we do not know how much time we have left. We know when our life started, but not when it will be terminated.

If time is so uncertain, perhaps we should stop and consider its value. We can conceive a life or snuff it out in less than 15 minutes. At times we may feel useless and our time may seem valueless. Time can be priceless — especially when it appears to have run out, and we need another hour, another day, or another week to take care of a critically important matter.

Each one of us is entrusted with time. We can use it for living, for learning or for leisure. It is ours to invest.

We may consider time as a commodity, if we give it monetary value. We earn it; we spend it; we can save it or waste it. All of us have an equal number of time units during the week to satisfy our physical, social and moral needs. No mysterious authority is going to say: "This person does not deserve time; they will be denied two hours in the week."

Time is not a static thing; it does not stand still. "Time and tide wait for no man." Eternal values should be our real concern. Time has been compared to a museum with endless corridors and alcoves. Viewers walk through the museum in the dark, holding a light to each scene as they pass. God is the Curator of the museum and only He knows all that is in it. But your lifetime is on display in one alcove. It is what you do with your life now that will persist; that will influence others, whether for good or evil. How you spend your time becomes

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Thank God, if you still have your mother.
Who is God's precious gift to you;
Let your life reflect her good teachings
In all that you say and do.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE ... LONG TIME PASSING?

Where have all the flowers gone? Those fragrant flowers of the Church whose courage brought Orthodoxy to this country, and whose wombs bore its members, and those grandchildren are the Church of today?

Where have all the flowers gone? Those stoic ladies who, after a week of relentless labor and little sleep were the first ones in church for Liturgy on Sunday, sitting up in the front, dressed in their best and eager to thank God for another week in a country which offers freedom.

Where have all the flowers gone? The ones who were the epitome of hospitality, who would happily give you their last piece of bread, who would always be the first to come to the rescue of someone in need, who, in spite of the tragedies they endured, could always find something to laugh about, and something to be

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THE DEVIL'S BEST TOOL

It was once announced that the devil was going out of business and would offer all his tools for sale to whoever would pay his price. On the night of the sale, they were all attractively displayed. Malice, Hatred, Envy, Jealousy, Sensuality, and Deceit, and all the other implements of evil were spread out, each marked with its price. Apart from the rest displayed on a beautiful piece of velvet lay a harmless looking, wedge shaped tool, much worn and priced much higher than any of them.

Someone asked the devil what it was. "That's Discouragement," was the reply.

"Well, why do you price it so high?"

"Because," replied the devil, "it is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry open and get inside a person's consciousness with that when I could not get near them with any of the others, and once inside, I can use them whatever way suits me best. It is so much worn because I use it with nearly everybody, as very few people yet know it belongs to me."

It hardly need be added that the devil's price for discouragement was so high it was never sold. He still owns it and is still using it.

BRIEF PRAYERS TO SAY ANYWHERE

1. "LORD, HELP ME"

Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. Matthew 15:25

2. "LORD, FORGIVE ME"

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. Luke 23:34

3. "LORD, SAVE ME"

But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord save me. Matthew 14:30

4. "LORD, HAVE MERCY"

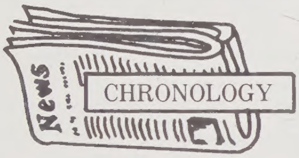
She cried unto him saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord. Matthew 15:22

5. "LORD, REMEMBER ME"

And he said unto Jesus, Lord,

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MAY 1992

A PEROHI FESTIVAL is held each May in Glendon Alberta, Canada. Glendon calls itself the Pyrogy Capitol and has an extremely huge peroha statue in its park.

THE 50TH ANNUAL GRADUATION from St. Tikhon's Seminary will be held on May 24 as part of the Pilgrimage to St. Tikhon Monastery in So. Canaan, PA. The first class graduated 51 years ago but there were no graduates in 1945 because of World War II. The first graduation was held in 1941 and honored were Fathers Basil Krechik, Peter Prepisnoff and Michael Chanda. Graduates of 1942 were Fr. Michael Kapral and Michael Sawchak. Two of the graduates were American born; three were foreign born, only Fr. Chanda is still alive.

CLARA BARTON, Founder of the American Red Cross, wrote a letter in 1894 upon her return from Russia where she went to help relieve a famine. The letter was recently discovered in Geneva, NY and is now in the Geneva Historical Society's keeping.

COLLEGE CONFERENCE 1992 is open to all Orthodox college age people. It will be held from July 25-31 at Antiochian Village, P.O. Box 638, Ligonier, PA 15658. Call (412) 238-3677.

IN ANSWER to Patriarch's request to Metropolitan Theodosius to "look after my flock here." Christmas services were held on January 7 in St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, DC. So many recent Soviet emigrees attended that it was decided that all major Russian feast days will be held at the Cathedral according to the Julian Calendar as a mission outreach of the Holy Archangels Center headed by Bishop Basil (Rodzianko). Services will continue to be held on the "New" Calendar.

A COMMON BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE has been endorsed by the Christian Conference of Connecticut which represents 2,500 Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox churches. it declares that the person named has been "baptized with water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

A DIRECTORY OF ORTHODOX PARISHES AND INSTITUTIONS IN NORTH AMERICA has been released by Orthodox People Together, P.O. Box 1128, Torrance, CA 90505-0128. This directory, which sells for $7.50, carries over 2,500 listings of parishes, missions, seminaries, publications, etc. of all Orthodox jurisdictions.

TWELVE EVANGELICAL CHURCHES with 4,000 members are now to be found in Sofia, Bulgaria.

A NEW GOSPEL ALBUM in Ukrainian was produced by Russian-born musician Deneen Alexandrow for distribution in the Ukraine.

MENTIONED IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE was a list which we had compiled of 45 monastic institutions. Although we did not offer to furnish the list of addresses, we received many requests. We also received additional addresses. Today the list has grown to 73 institutions which claim to be Orthodox. We cannot furnish the list because we do not have the facilities for copying, but a list of about 70 addresses can be obtained from St. Tikhon Russian Orthodox Church, 1329 So. 11th St., Lincoln, NE 68502. Send $1.

THE FROC has set up a fund to help the Russian Orthodox people and churches in Russia. For info or to send check write to: Thomas Sigler, National Treasurer, 9919 Pomona Dr., Bethesda, MD 20817.

ARCHIMANDRITE BASIL ESSEY will be consecrated a bishop for the Antiochian Archdiocese on May 30, 31 in St. George Cathedral in Wichita, Kansas.

A 50,000 WATT, AM RADIO STATION was sent to Lviv, Ukraine in answer to a request by the Ukrainian Catholic Church to be part "of a larger effort by the Catholic Church to broadcast the message of Christ throughout all of Eastern Europe."

A RARE BOOK on "MARRIED SAINTS OF THE CHURCH" can be ordered from St. Xenia Skete, P.O. Box 200, Wildwood, CA 96076-9702. Send $7.95 which includes cost of book and postage.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS have been established by the Vatican with Ukraine, Croatia and Slovenia. Papal ambassadors, called nuncios, will be appointed to "allow the Vatican to monitor more directly the problems encountered by the churches in all three countries."

RECORDED BOOKS on theological subjects can be ordered from Orthodox Christian Recorded Books, 33 Mt. Vernon St., Gardiner, ME 04345 or call (207) 582-8656.

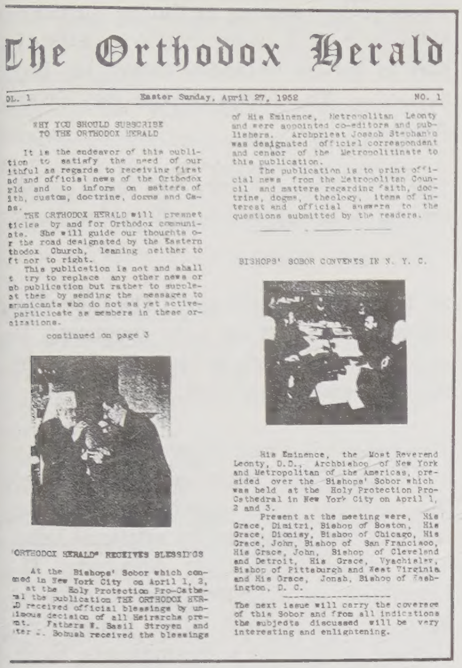
YOU CAN FIND A MISSING LIFE INSURANCE POLICY by writing to the American Council of Life Insurance, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 2004-2599. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

A TWO-ALARM FIRE hit the Protection Cathedral on 59 E. 2nd Street, NYC in January. Minor damage was sustained on the left side of the church in the January 19 fire.

VIDEO (VHS) TAPES of Patriarch Aleksy's visit to the U.S. are available from OCPC, Box 588, Wayne, NJ 07474-0588. The 10th All-American Council Study Packets recently mailed to all OCA parishes is also available.

ORTHODOX WOMEN from all jurisdictions had formed an Eastern Orthodox Women's Guild some years ago in the Cleveland, Ohio area. It has since helped women in other areas to organize. If you wish to obtain information and help to form an inter-Orthodox women's organization in your area, write: Matushka N. Breyan, 114 E. Main St., Marblehead, OH 43440.

The Orthodox Herald Turns 40



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WHY YOU SHOULD SUBSCRIBE TO THE ORTHODOX HERALD

It is the endeavor of this publition to satisfy the need of our ithful as regards to receiving first nd and official news of the Orthodox rld and to inform on matters of ith, custom, doctrine, dogma and Cans.

THE ORTHODOX HERALD will preenet ticles by and for Orthodox communiote. She will guide our thoughts or the road designated by the Eastern thodox Church, leaning neither to ft nor to right.

This publication is not and shall t try to replace any other news or ob publication but rather to supplent them by sending the messages to mmunicants who do not as yet actively participate as members in these orizations.

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"ORTHODOX HERALD" RECEIVES BLESSINGS

At the Bishops' Sobor which conmed in New York City on April 1, 2, at the Holy Protection Pro-Cathemal the publication THE ORTHODOX HERD received official blessings by unimous decision of all Heirarchs prent. Fathers W. Basil Stroyen and ter J. Bohush received the blessings of His Eminence, Metropolitan Leonty and were appointed co-editors and publishers. Archpriest Joseph Stephanko was designated official correspondent and censor of the Metropolitinate to this publication.

The publication is to print official news from the Metropolitan Council and matters regarding faith, doctrine, dogma, theology, items of interest and official answers to the questions submitted by the readers.

BISHOPS' SOBOR CONVENES IN N. Y. C.

His Eminence, the Most Reverend Leonty, D.D., Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of the Americas, presided over the Bishops' Sobor which was held at the Holy Protection Pro-Cathedral in New York City on April 1, 2 and 3.

Present at the meeting were, His Grace, Dimitri, Bishop of Boston, His Grace, Dionisy, Bishop of Chicago, His Grace, John, Bishop of San Francisco, His Grace, John, Bishop of Cleveland and Detroit, His Grace, Vyachislav, Bishop of Pittsburgh and West Virginia and His Grace, Jonah, Bishop of Washington, D. C.

The next issue will carry the coverage of this Sobor and from all indications the subjects discussed will be very interesting and enlightening.

Volume No. 1, issue no. 1 of **The Orthodox Herald** was dated April 27, 1952. On the front cover there were two photos. One was of His Eminence Metropolitan Leonty giving a blessing to Father W. Basil Stroyen and Father Peter J. Bohush to start publishing **The Orthodox Herald**. The other photo was of the Bishops' Sobor, which convened on April 1, 1952, and among its other business gave a unanimous decision for the publishing of the paper. None of the bishops present at that Sobor are now living. Those who were present and had the foresight for the need of an English language publication such as **The Orthodox Herald** were Metropolitan Leonty, and Bishops Dimitri of Boston, Dionisy of Chicago, John of San Francisco, John of Cleveland, Vyachislav of Pittsburgh and Jonah of Washington, DC.

The Orthodox Herald now fills 8 books of 362 pages each. We have been carefully looking through the first few books to prepare these Editors' Notes. Certain facts and trends can easily be traced. The books are a history of what is now the Orthodox Church in America and the movements of the Orthodox Churches in general.

There was more individual jurisdictional identity in the 1950's. It was a rare occasion when a person would have any contact with an Orthodox Church of another jurisdiction let alone with one of a different ethnic identity. It made news when some cities organized basketball leagues of all Orthodox Churches in the area and when the Orthodox Churches cooperated enough to have a unified presence in the Boy Scouts and obtain the EO (Eastern Orthodox) identity for military personnel.

St. Tikhon's Monastery was a retreat for those in search of an enriched spiritual life. Most of the monks came to America from famous monasteries in Europe. They had been influenced by great Spiritual Fathers. They continued life in the isolation of St. Tikhon's much as they had in the monasteries at "home." Their thinking contrasted greatly with that of those who came to seek their spiritual counsel. Fr. Luka Archimandrite (Circun) was the father superior mentioned in our first issue when the annual pilgrimage to St. Tikhon's was noted. Fr. Dimitri Ermakov, now of McKeesport, PA, directed the choir on this day. The day the pilgrimage took place was Memorial Day, which at that time always fell on May 30. St. Tikhon's Seminary was located adjacent to the Monastery but it played a subordinate position. In an informal way the Fathers had a great influence on the young students. The Seminary at this time has obtained preeminence.

One of the reasons given for starting the publication of **The Orthodox Herald** was to give in the English language official information on matters of faith, custom, doctrine, dogma and canons. There was very little obtainable in the English language, but as the years went by reference is made to books being published in English and then the establishment of bookstores where these books could be purchased. One of the first of these bookstores was at St. Tikhon Seminary.

We traced the road from the Church Slavonic language to English for divine services, the path from the Old to the New Calendar, the change from mostly foreign born adherents to almost completely American born, from a church made up of people baptized as children into the Orthodox faith to a church greatly influenced by those who accepted Orthodoxy as adults, from priests and bishops who were always Orthodox to those who entered from other churches.

We will write more about these changes in other issues of this anniversary year.

We want to thank you ever so much for your prayers and support during the past 40 years. We learned to depend on those who loved the Lord, believed in keeping Orthodoxy and in sharing it by supporting the first, and at that time the only publication in English which was not subsidized and was exclusively dependent upon its readership (subscribers).

Our first task was and is to inform and to inspire our readers. By this we hope to bring your attention to the spiritual riches that are yours to have and to hold on to as you travel this earthly life and exalt the Holy Trinity and to affirm a unity in faith with other readers.

Jesus Christ is the head of the Church and therefore we searched the Holy Scriptures and writings of the Holy Fathers for guidance and for this reason both are often cited. In addition, we spent long hours researching and translating from the Russian to English to be as accurate as possible in continuing Holy Tradition on the Faith.

God be with you,

Father Basil and Matushka Nina Stroyen · Co-editors.

A PLUS FOR ORTHODOXY

A group of people consisting of Frenchmen who have accepted Orthodoxy have formed the French Institute of St. Dennis. All church services are conducted according to the Western customs. This institute is under the jurisdiction of exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarch in Paris.

ALASKA FUND

Around the year 1842 the Diocese of Bishop Innokenty (St. Innocent) was enlarged to include not only Alaska but Kamchatka in Siberia. His diocese covered two continents, the eastern part of Asia, and the northwestern part of America. It was over 6,000 miles from end to end and covered a territory larger than the continental United States. His see was in Sitka, Alaska. Helping the missionaries in present Alaska are: Eva Mae Ross, Joseph Evanchick, Paul and Doris Rusinko, Anna Tanchak, Anonymous, Mary and Joe Karlak, Robert Roth, Susan Bartone, Olga Kasper, Maria Pahides, Eva Keenan, Titania Dixon, Mike Hudak, Helen Warhol. Harry Salaneck in memory of Julia Salaneck. L. R. Stehnach in memory of her husband John and father Frank.

TENTH OF MAY

This year Mother's Day is observed on May 10. On this Sunday, which is the 3rd Sunday of Easter/Pascha in the Orthodox Church, we honor the Myrrbearing Women who according to the reading for the day Mark 15:43-16:8 went to the sepulcher where Jesus was laid. They went in spite of the terrifying events, which had occurred during the crucifixion a few days previously.

Great darkness fell upon the earth for three hours between noon and 3 p.m. This darkness was frightening. (Luke 23:45)

In the temple, the veil (curtain) in front of the altar tore into two parts from top to bottom. (Mark 15:38)

Suddenly the earth started to shake as an earthquake took place. (Matt. 27:51)

Rocks started to crack and split. (Matt 27:51)

The graves in the cemetery were split open and many bodies came to life again. (Matt 27:52)

Many of these formerly dead "came out of the graves after His resurrection and went into the holy city, and appeared to many." (Matt 27:53)

These events caused great fear even to the soldiers who were guarding Jesus. It must have caused the same to the women who had come from Galilee to care for the body of Jesus. It was certainly an act of great courage for these women to start off on Sunday morning before daylight to go to the cemetery. On this day, we are asked to remember the caring which a mother gives and women who in frightening circumstances show compassion.

PRESS FUND

Month by month we have thanked those who have helped us to keep printing, starting with Members of St. John's Parish in Alpha, NJ and Nicholas and Marion Varhall of Phillipsburg, NJ, who wished us good luck and best wishes to a deserving venture in our first issue in April 1952 to those who have helped us and are listed in this issue. In between hundreds of you have helped and we do send a big Spasebo/Thank You. Eva Mae Ross, Joseph Evanchick, Anonymous (3), Mike Hudak, Titania Dixon, Janet Jupin, Mary Eurist, Olga Kasper, Irene Allen, Alexandra Spanovic, Leda Schmidt, Veronica Pirow, Anne Dorozynski, Nancy Hurchik-Munaco, Paul and Doris Rusinko, Olga Washinko, Anna Tanchak, Julia Yurkowski, Don Holobinko. Susan Bartone in memory of her husband Anthony. Mary Babei in memory of the Babei and Danuluk families, Helen Cudlic in memory of her daughter and her sister Anna Treichak. In memory of Job. Elizabeth Boska Mitrook in memory of Boska family.

•Is this the time?

your biography, and it is a permanent record.

In our society of abundance, we have the opportunity to enjoy more leisure time than our forefathers ever dreamed of. Time is a sacred gift which each of us invests toward the development of our inner person. Each of us, as a recipient, is under a moral obligation to invest our gift of time to produce the highest dividends. "For I said in my heart, 'God shall judge the righteous and the wicked, For there shall be a time there for every purpose and for every work.'" (Ecc. 3:17).

•Where have all...

thankful for.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE?

BACK TO THE FATHER, ONE BY ONE.

They are basking in the warmth of the light ineffable; they are dancing to the heavenly music of the Cherubim and Seraphim; they are in a place where sickness and sorrow are unknown. Their pew in the church on earth is empty so that they may take their places in the Church Triumphant.

Let us their grandchildren, take to heart their example and keep their memories alive by making Jesus Christ and His Church as much a part of our lifestyles as He was in theirs. Let us not forget the connection between their faith and their actions. Let us not consider it a coincidence that these flowers of the church, whose dignity we so admired, loved God and allowed that love to rule their hearts and their actions.

God bless you Grandma Bogdan, for being one of the flowers of our Church. You will live forever in our memories.

May God give us the strength to live up to your example and your high expectations for us.

Valerie Yova

•Brief prayers

remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. Luke 23:42

6. "LORD, THANK YOU"

Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. John 11:41

Dabs of Thoughts

Cooperation among Orthodox jurisdictions in the U.S. began in 1955 with the effort to get an Orthodox award for Boy Scouts — The Alpha-Omega Boy Scout Award.

The first Divine Liturgy in the English language was served in 1870 in New York City.

St. Isaac the Syrian said: "The man who follows Christ in solitary mourning is greater than he who praises Christ amid the congregations of men.

Two minerals alexandrite and uvarovite are named after Russians. Alexandrite, the mineral gem which is green in sunlight and turns red by artificial light was named after Czar Alexander II. Uvarovite, an emerald green variety of garnet, was named after Count S.S. Uvarov, a Russian statesman who lived from 1786-1855.

There is a disagreement on the numbering of the Ten Commandments. The Orthodox and Protestants, in general, follow the Hebrew tradition of splitting in two what the Roman Catholic and Lutheran consider the First Commandment. The Orthodox and Protestants then combine the last two commandments against covetousness. So, for example, "Honor thy father and thy mother..." is the 5th commandment according to the Orthodox teaching and the 4th in the Roman Catholic teaching. The Ten Commandments are recorded in Deuteronomy 5:6-21.

Parents, do or will your adolescent and older children have the memory of your kneeling and praying with them?

Leo Tolstoy lamented: "I am always with myself, and it is I who am my tormentor."

In perusing the Chronology of THE ORTHODOX HERALD for the past 40 years, it clearly shows the Orthodox drifting toward an ecumenical mind set.

It is not the work of life, but the worry of life that robs us of strength and breaks down our faith.

MAY 1992

May 3. St. Thomas Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Easter/Pascha. Read John 20:19-31. Jesus said to him "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

May 10. Holy Myrrhbearing Women. 3rd Sunday of Easter/Pascha. Read Mark 15:43-16:8. He said to them (the women): "Do not be alarmed. You see Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him."

May 17. Paralytic. 4th Sunday of Easter/Pascha. Read John 5:1-15. Jesus said to him: "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

May 20. Mid Pentecost. Prepolovennie. Read John 7:14-30. Jesus answered: "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

May 24. Samaritan Women. 5th Sunday of Easter/Pascha. Read John 4:5-42. Jesus said to them: "I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

May 31. Blind Man. 6th Sunday of Easter/Pascha. Read John 9:1-38. Jesus answered: "I am the light of the world."

TRIFLES

This month in many areas of our country, people are busy planting in their gardens or in patio containers. If you asked them what they consider to be the most dangerous thing to their plants, a dog or a tiny bug no larger than the head of a pin, they would probably decide that the bug is more dangerous. A dog you can see and shoo-out. But the little bug can work on unseen and unsuspected until the plant is destroyed before they realize it.

Millions of dollars are spent by the government and industry yearly in attempting to find something to get rid of the tiny pests that injure the plants, but no money is spent to devise ways of keeping the dogs or cats out of the garden. The owner looks after that himself.

So it is in our lives the most dangerous foes to our spiritual progress are not the big faults, but the trifles that seem too small to trouble about. It is the trifling things that prevent us from developing the perfect fruit of Christian character, the petty habits that keep us from making progress in growth.

The big things we can notice and take care of ourselves. The more outstanding sins we can eliminate for they can easily be noticed. But the trifles we overlook and they are able to gnaw away unobserved until the first thing we know they threaten to destroy a reputation or character. It is well to check our lives frequently as we will keep watch on our plants to see that no tiny enemies are undermining us.

From MY LIFE IN CHRIST

Father John of Cronstat writes:

You hear in church oftener than anything the voices of the priests, deacons, readers, and singers praying God to have mercy upon us. What does this signify? It signifies that all of us who are in God's Temple are deserving, by our sins, of God's punishment, and that before everything — on our coming into the church — we must remember that we are sinners, and have come to the Lord of Heaven and Earth, to our Creator and Benefactor, Whom we have daily and hourly angered by our iniquities, to ask for mercy, each one for himself, and also in accordance with Christian love, for others. The prayers asking for mercy are called in the Orthodox Church, "great," "small" and "redoubled!" As there is not a superfluous word in the church service, it is especially necessary at the time of the singing of the redoubled litany to pray to God most fervently, from the very depths of a most contrite heart, as we are reminded at the very beginning of the litany by the words: "Let us say with all our soul and with all our mind." At this time we must lay aside veen the slightest coldness, the slightest inattention, offer up to the Creator our most fervent prayers to have mercy upon us sinners. But what do we see at the time of the exclamations of the priest and the singing of the singers of the great and redoubled litany? For the greater part, the usual inattention and indifference on the part of those praying.

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If the editors would tell the truth in the obituaries they write, it would be the most wholesome influence that I can think of for people living the kind of lives they should live.

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We accuse our neighbor in little, and excuse ourselves in much.

Making a sin legal does not make it harmless.

VOICE OF THE READERS

Will you please tell me the reason why the priest puts oil on the baby during the baptism service? — ADB

In ancient times, we are told, young warriors on the point of going to battle for the first time were anointed with oil; thus, the new Christian who will have to battle against the enemies of his salvation — the world, the flesh, and the devil — is anointed as "Christ's faithful soldier and servant." Olive oil, possessing salutary properties is here the type of the inner healing of the soul by baptism. It is also the symbol of the grafting in of the wild olive tree (i.e., the convert) to the tree (i.e., Jesus Christ) Romans 11:17. When the priest anoints the child on the brow, he says, "The servant of God, ______, is anointed with the oil of gladness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now, henceforth, and forever. Amen."; on the breast, "for healing of thy soul and body"; on the ears "for the hearing of the word"; on the hands "thy hands have made me and fashioned me"; on the feet "that his feet may walk in the way of thy commandments."

Expert in Inconsistency

DR. PROFUNDUS ADSURDUM who answers your questions and questions your answers.

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Dear Doc Dum: — I have been told that it is better to let children get things out of their systems. For example if they want to swear, or call nasty names, or throw things, or break things just let them and after a while they will get all the meanness out of their system. Is this correct?

Dear Mrs. De Void: — You have given vent to one of the great and promising philosophies of the day. Mrs. Dum and I are trying it on our little son, Dumdum, who was taking piano lessons until he got angry and tried to play the piano with an ax. Now with all that out of his system we expect him to be a great musician almost any day now.

And I am trying the same philosophy on our garden — just letting it express itself with weeds, expecting that before long all the evil weeds will be gone and the nice good vegetables will flourish.

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Some church members are dedicated, while others are just "dead."



What we call apple pie in the U.S. is entirely different from apple pie or pirog as known in Europe. This is Apple or Yablone Perog, which is made in the Carpathian area.

Apple Squares

CRUST
1½ cups shortening
¾ cup sugar
5 Tbls. milk
5 eggs (reserve 1 egg white)
1 Tbls. lemon juice
1 lemon rind grated
4½ cups flour

FILLING
3 lbs. apples, sliced thin
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ cup sugar
2 cups walnuts (ground) (reserve ½ cup for top)

Mix shortening (preferably butter or oleo), the ¾ cup sugar, lightly beaten eggs (minus one egg white), lemon rind and juice, and flour together. Knead in bowl about 10 minutes. Divide into two parts — one slightly larger than the other. Roll out the larger part for the bottom crust. Roll to fit 13x17 pan and to extend up the sides of the pan. Mix filling ingredients. Scatter on bottom crust. Roll out second part of dough to cover pan as for pie. Pinch bottom and top edges of dough. Slightly beat the reserved egg white. Spread on the top crust. Sprinkle with the ½ cup of reserved nuts. Bake for 1 hour in 350 oven. When cool, cut into 1½ inch squares.

We cannot avoid growing old, but we can avoid growing cold.

MISSION FUND

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1. John 2:12-22
2. 3:22-33
3. **John 20:19-31** Sunday
4. 2:1-11
5. 3:16-21
6. 5:17-24
7. 5:24-30
8. 5:30-6:2
9. 6:14-27
10. **Mark 15:43-16:8** Sunday
11. John 4:46-51
12. 6:27-33
13. 6:35-39
14. 6:40-44
15. 6:48-54
16. 15:17-6:2
17. **John 5:1-15** Sunday
18. 6:56-69
19. 7:1-13
20. 7:14-30
21. 8:12-20
22. 8:21-30
23. 8:31-42
24. **John 4:5-42** Sunday
25. 8:42-51
26. 8:51-59
27. 6:5-14
28. 9:39-10:9
29. 10:17-28
30. 10:27-38
31. **John 9:1-38** Sunday

BIBLE STUDY

The reading for May 17 from Acts 9:32-42 mentions saints two times in verses 32 and 41. This word is also mentioned earlier in the same chapter by Ananias to describe the Christians at Jerusalem.

In all there are about 96 references to saints in the Bible. Most of these are found in the New Testament.

In the past few years there have been many new saints added to the Church Calendar. Who are these people who are recognized as saints in the Church today? Some Orthodox theologians have classified them into six categories.

1. The **Apostles**, who were the first ones to know Christ and to spread the message of salvation through Him.

2. The **Prophets**, who predicted and prophesied the coming of the Messiah.

3. The **Martyrs**, who sacrificed their lives for fearlessly confessing Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of mankind.

4. The **Fathers** and **Hierarchs** of the Church, who excelled in explaining and defending by word and deed the Christian faith.

5. The **Monastics**, who lived in the "desert" and dedicated themselves to spiritual exercises striving for perfection.

6. The **Just**, who lived in the world and led exemplary lives and became examples for imitation by others.

These differ in lifestyle and type of commitment but they all fought the "good fight for the faith." They applied in their lives the scriptural virtues as listed in 1 Timothy 6:11 of "justice, piety, fidelity, love, fortitude, and gentleness."

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MEMORIAL DAY

On May 5, 1868, John A. Logan, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued General Order 11 which designated May 30 as Decoration Day for "the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their country during the late rebellion." May 30 was chosen because wildflowers would be blooming. Children and their parents could go into the fields and woods to gather flowers and place them on the graves.

In the Orthodox Church, on the Tuesday following St. Thomas Sunday, which falls on May 3 this year, or in some places on Monday or even the Sunday following the parish clergy and people go to the cemetery to share with the faithful departed and buried on the consecrated ground the joyful news of the Resurrection of Christ. This occasion has a name **Radonitsa** which means Day of Rejoicing.

In the U.S., many of our parishes have combined Radonitsa and Memorial Day going to the cemetery on the Memorial Day weekend.